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## CF# 14-1680: Metro Call for Projects - Figueroa Improvements

1 message

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**Wesley Reutimann** <wesleyreutimann@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Dear Council Members and staff,

As a Pasadena resident who regularly travels by automobile, public transit, and sometimes bicycle to Eagle Rock and Highland Park to shop, dine, and visit friends, I am writing you today to urge your support for Complete Streets improvements on N. Figueroa.

As proposed the North Figueroa project fails to meet basic "Complete Street" criteria, despite strong local support for a "Figueroa for All." At the last community meeting hosted on the issue, and many community meetings before, residents and public health and safety professionals have overwhelmingly spoken in favor of streets that accommodate all travelers safely: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and drivers.

Their statements were also echoed by the Los Angeles Times, which noted about North Figueroa in July 2014:

*"Unless some demonstrable miscalculation was made in the bike plan, or unless there's a real safety issue, individual City Council members should not be tinkering with the plan, which was designed carefully with the whole city in mind."*

As a neighbor who would prefer to use transit, walk and bike more when traveling to/from N. Figueroa, I hope you as City leaders will either re-scope this application to accommodate all road users or remove it from the list so that the community can have more of a voice in making our streets safe for everyone.

Best regards,

Wes Reutimann  
Pasadena, CA



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**Nathan (Nate) Cherry** <NCherry@rtkl.com>  
To: "cityhall@empowerla.org" <cityhall@empowerla.org>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 10:38 AM

Dear City Council Members,

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Sincerely,

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**Mary Abler** <mary.abler@gmail.com>  
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 10:41 AM

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Sincerely,  
Mary Abler  
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Los Angeles, CA 90057



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## biking on figueroa

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**Freeman Bonnie** <bfreeman@dslextreme.com>  
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 11:04 AM

**Subj:** CF# 14-1680: Metro Call for Projects

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Freeman  
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Los Angeles, CA 90065



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**Kimberly Greenhut** <kimproduces@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 11:25 AM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Dear City Council Members,

The City of Los Angeles is at an exciting time for transportation. With bike plan implementation well underway, "Great Streets" and "Vision Zero" in the conversation, an innovative new Mobility Plan around the corner and new projects being built on our streets all the time, we've seen Angelenos of all types embrace new transportation options. As the City looks to fund future transportation projects with limited resources, it is absolutely critical that every project meets the City's strategic objectives and be consistent with the general plan, so that our investments live up to their potential in creating safe, livable and prosperous neighborhoods.

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Sincerely,

Kimberly Greenhut

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Alexander Kargher <akargher@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 11:30 AM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Dear City Council Members,

The proposed project on North Figueroa falls far short of the community's ambitious vision of a "Figueroa for All" because it leaves out critical elements of a complete street. As the City looks to fund future transportation projects with limited resources, it is absolutely critical that every project meets the City's strategic objectives and is consistent with the general plan, so that our investments live up to their potential in creating safe, livable and prosperous neighborhoods. The scope of the proposed project on North Figueroa does not represent the community's vision and is not consistent with the City's plans (*i.e.* the Bike Plan, "Great Streets," and "Vision Zero"). Most importantly, it **does not** qualify under Metro's new Complete Streets Policy.

At the last community meeting, and many community meetings before, residents overwhelmingly spoke in favor of streets that accommodate all travelers safely: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and drivers. The proposed North Figueroa projects does not address these concerns. Accordingly, please either re-scope this application to include a complete street or remove it from the list so that the community can have more of a voice in making our streets safe for everyone.

Sincerely,  
Alex Kargher

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**Melanie Freeland** <melaniefreeland@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 12:05 PM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org

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Sincerely,  
Melanie Freeland

1051 Farnam St. LA CA 90042



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**William Safranek** <wsafranek@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: William Safranek <wsafranek@yahoo.com>  
To: "cityhall@empowerla.org" <cityhall@empowerla.org>  
Cc: "info@la-bike.org" <info@la-bike.org>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 12:11 PM

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Sincerely,

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John G. Schulhof <john.schulhof@firstchartercapital.net>  
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 1:15 PM

Dear City Council Members,

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**Aika Makimura** <aika.makimura@gmail.com>  
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

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Sincerely,

Aika Makimura  
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Los Angeles, CA 90065



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**Erial Tompkins** <erialtompkins@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 2:08 PM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org, tom.labonge@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

Dear Mayor Garcetti, Councilman LaBonge and City Council Members,

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**Teo Wilkening** <teo.wilkening@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 2:11 PM

To: "cityhall@empowerla.org" <cityhall@empowerla.org>

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Sincerely,  
Teo Wilkening  
1200 East California Blvd.  
91125 Pasadena, CA

Sent from my iPhone



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## North Figueroa Street

1 message

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**thomas greek** <tom@firmdesign.net>  
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 2:16 PM

As a resident of NELA and someone who commutes on Figueroa Street daily, I was shocked to hear about Councilman Cedillo's plan for diagonal parking along the Figueroa corridor. Not only do I believe traffic will be adversely affected by such a parking strategy, it also creates an unsafe environment for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Diagonal Parking reduces the cone of vision for drivers and shortens the reaction time for bicyclists. Reversing from a diagonal spot, the drivers line of sight is restricted by surrounding vehicles. The use of car mirrors, designed to provide lines of sight for the driver, only really work to see directly behind the vehicle. A Diagonal parking strategy unnecessarily creates blind spots for the reversing car. Consequently, cyclists will have less time to react to drivers reversing from a parking spot. Drivers, of course, will also have less time to see the cyclists and other cars. This proposal will lead to more bike / car and car / car collisions while slowing the flow of traffic in a more dangerous way.

The North Figueroa corridor already has a steady stream of bike traffic and car traffic. Too often the roadway is deemed unsafe and bicyclists take to the sidewalk. This too is more dangerous for cars, pedestrians, and cyclists. Cars turning a corner are not used to seeing someone move as quickly as bicycles do on a sidewalk. I ride a bike, am very aware of bicyclists, and have come close to collisions because of bicyclists riding on the sidewalk and "shooting out" into the intersection while crossing the street. Bicycles on the sidewalk move too quickly and pose a danger to people walking on the sidewalk or exiting a business. Councilman Cedillo's plan will exasperate the problem of bicyclists riding on the sidewalk, creating an unsafe environment for Pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists.

Councilman Cedillo's proposal for diagonal parking is wrong for the North Figueroa Corridor. This is a diverse urban community that includes folks riding bikes, commuting in cars, and walking along the sidewalk. I urge the council to reject Councilman Cedillo's diagonal parking plan and continue to move the city forward with safety and equality for all residents in mind. Parallel parking with a bike lane on the North Figueroa corridor will provide a safer and more vibrant street life for all users of the North Figueroa Corridor.

Thanks you -

Tom Greek

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Linda Torres <isaidiam@att.net>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 2:18 PM

Reply-To: Linda Torres <isaidiam@att.net>

To: "cityhall@empowerla.org" <cityhall@empowerla.org>

Dear City Council Members,

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*Linda Torres  
450 E Olive Ave  
Burbank CA 91501*



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**Neal Baker** <goatee\_neal@hotmail.com>  
To: "cityhall@empowerla.org" <cityhall@empowerla.org>

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Sincerely,  
Neal Baker  
5849 Burwood Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90042



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**Tomer G** <tgurantz@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: Tomer G <tgurantz@yahoo.com>  
To: "cityhall@empowerla.org" <cityhall@empowerla.org>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 2:46 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I'm a strong supported of bike-related projects and other transportation projects within our great city, especially given the popularity of bike riding as a current mode of transportation, especially when it's made safe, as can be attested to by the popularity and success of Ciclavia.

The proposed project on North Figueroa leaves out critical elements of a complete street. At the last community meeting, and many community meetings before, residents **overwhelmingly** spoke in favor of streets that accommodate all travelers safely: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and drivers. Especially as the evidence shows over and over that making streets safer for some users, such as pedestrians and cyclists actually increases the safety for vehicular traffic as well.

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## CF# 14-1680: Metro Call for Projects

1 message

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**Will Clark** <clarkws@gmail.com>  
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 3:42 PM

Dear City Council Members,

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Though I live on the West Side, I frequently bike across Los Angeles to visit friends and businesses in other parts of town. Figueroa is a corridor I use often, despite the dangers of the current street engineering, because it is an essential, clear corridor connecting the neighborhoods that I visit. There are few other options, and at some point Figueroa becomes a necessary route to take. This makes it imperative that the City repair and make safe for cyclists and pedestrians what is currently the only option connecting neighborhoods. I know many people who would love access to these areas, as residents of NELA or as visitors, who are discouraged by the current arrangement. This is not just true for NELA or the Figueroa corridor – setting a negative precedent in this neighborhood would have consequences for the citywide complete street policy that I hope you will not undermine.

Sincerely,  
William Clark  
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## Attention: CF# 14-1680: Metro Call for Projects

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**USC Bike Coalition** <bikeusc@usc.edu>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 4:15 PM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Cc: info@la-bike.org

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Alex Leavitt, and I am writing as a representative of the University of Southern California's Bicycle Coalition. We have many members, both students, faculty, and staff, that live and bike in the North Figueroa area.

The proposed project on North Figueroa leaves out critical elements of a complete street, falling short of the community's ambitious vision of a "Figueroa for All." At the last community meeting, and many community meetings before, residents overwhelmingly spoke in favor of streets that accommodate all travelers safely: pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and drivers. Our Coalition is now asking for the full City Council to uphold the integrity of its citywide plans and the community's longstanding request for a complete street.

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University of Southern California  
<http://usc.edu/bike>



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## CF# 14-1680: Metro Call for Projects/Please Keep Figueroa Safe

1 message

William Brotherson <will.brotherson.2016@lawmail.usc.edu>  
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 5:21 PM

Dear Members of City Council,

My name is Will Brotherson and I am the Vice-President of USC Gould School of Law's Bike & Transit Law Society. I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to state my opposition to Councilmember Cedillo's "Great Streets" plan for North Figueroa Boulevard. Councilmember Cedillo's plan calls for diagonal parking at the expense of bike lanes on North Figueroa Boulevard. While this is partly disconcerting because Councilmember Cedillo claimed to support bike lanes during his campaign, this issue is bigger than one politician's broken promise. Councilmember Cedillo claims that diagonal parking is about safety, but this could not be further from the truth. Bike lanes make streets safer for cyclists and drivers, not diagonal parking.

Here are the facts about bike lanes:

- In 2012, the [American Journal for Public Health](#) published a study that demonstrated how the implementation of bike lanes can cut the injury risk by **50%**.
- A [University of Washington](#) study showed that major streets with bike lanes have a crash rate **38%** then streets without any bicycle facilities.
- A University of Texas - Austin study revealed that **bike lanes keep also keep motorists safer**, because drivers passing cyclists on roads without bike lanes veer farther left into the next lane of traffic.
- This [Department of Transportation](#) study suggests that cyclists will obey stop signs more often if a bike lane is present. The study also further backs the idea that **bike lanes also keep motorists safe**, by curtailing the number of motorists who inadvertently cross into an occupied line while passing a cyclist.
- Bike lanes also help to alleviate traffic, as cyclists will not have to slow down the flow of traffic by taking up a full automobile lane.

This is an exciting time for the City of Los Angeles. Once an all around transportation nightmare, the city has grown and continues to modernize it's approach to transportation. Replacing bike lines with diagonal parking would be an incredibly detrimental blow to this City's progress. As an LA native and current resident, I believe in this city's potential. I believe in its future. You have an opportunity to build that future by creating safe, livable, and prosperous neighborhoods. You have an opportunity to ensure that our streets are safe for everyone. Please, vote "no" on Council Member Cedillo's plan for North Figueroa Boulevard.

Sincerely,  
William Evander Brotherson

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Henry Pan <aestheticmynd@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 6:12 PM

To: cityhall@empowerla.org, info@la-bike.org

Dear City Council Members,

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Sincerely,  
Henry Pan  
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## North Figueroa Concern

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**Richard Bidmead** <bid.rich@gmail.com>  
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 6:17 PM

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Sincerely,

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**Ken Grinde** <grinde.ken@gmail.com>  
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

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Dear City Council Members,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ken Grinde



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**Evan Mack** <bloodorangemack@gmail.com>  
To: cityhall@empowerla.org

Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 9:29 PM

Dear City Council Members,

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